

Mental Health, Addiction and the Criminal Justice System
A Collaborative Conference
May 28 & 29, 2002
Columbus, Indiana

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

BACKGROUND: In July 2001, a ten-person team representing Indiana attended the National Corrections Conference on Mental Illness in Boston, Massachusetts, sponsored by the U.S Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs. Every state and territory was represented. (For Indiana representation, see “Boston Team” listed to the left). The Indiana team was impressed with the speakers and information gained and resolved to respond to OJP’s charge for participants to organize similar conferences in their home states.

MISSION: The mission of this conference is to promote public safety, public health, institutional order, and best resource management through collaboration of courts, corrections, mental health and addiction services agencies in effectively identifying, treating and monitoring youth and adults with mental illness or addiction issues who become involved in the juvenile or criminal justice systems.

SPONSORS: The conference is sponsored by the Indiana Department of Correction, Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction-FSSA, the Mental Health Association in Indiana, the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill – Indiana, The Indiana Correctional Association and Volunteers of America, Inc.- Indiana.

AGENDA: The conference features an outstanding national faculty of experts, practitioners and advocates including several who spoke at the Boston Conference. Speaker and session topics include:

Defining the Scope and Nature of the problem

- Statistical overview
- System challenges in management and treatment.
- “Yours, Mine or Ours?”
- Exploring legal issues
- What the research says

Programs that Work

- Memphis Model (Community Intervention Teams)
- ACT (Assertive Community Treatment)
- Therapeutic Communities
- Functional Family Therapy

Re-entry

- Assessing Risk for Community Integration
- Re-entry that Works
- Capitalizing on Community Resources
- Personal testimonial

Facilitated Group Discussion

- County and regional
- Where do we go from here?

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

- Informed decision making regarding criminal justice-involved mental health and addiction clients
- Improved intra-agency, inter-agency, public-private and state-local coordination and cooperation
- A solid foundation for future systems-building efforts involving mental health, addictions and criminal justice

ATTENDEES: Will include broadly-representative community based teams, superintendents of state mental health and correctional facilities, executive directors of community mental health centers, clinicians, case managers, advocates, consumers, judges, drug court representatives, court alcohol and drug program directors, community corrections directors, probation and parole administrators, prosecutors, public defenders, sheriffs, law enforcement, legislators, local elected officials, state agency representatives, policy makers and advisory board members.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: Community-based teams can be nominated in March. Scholarships will be available to support attendance of community-based teams. General registration information will be available in early April. Registration limited to 425 participants.

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REGISTRATION AND HOTEL INFORMATION